



Statewide Executive Small Business Advisory Group

Mission:

The mission of the Statewide Executive Small Business Advisory Group is to identify, advise and to assist the Delaware Economic Development Office in directing a coordinated strategy in the support of entrepreneurship and small business development throughout the State of Delaware.

The "Group" meets quarterly except when there is a requirement to convene in Executive Session. Participation is voluntary and meetings are open to the public.

During FY 09, The Statewide Executive Small Business Advisory Group will focus on the following areas:

- * Maximizing opportunities to leverage the State of Delaware's purchasing opportunities to build stronger Delaware small and minority businesses
- * Strategizing methods to stimulate the growth of technology based small businesses, to include creating wealth and knowledge based jobs
- * Examine methodologies and programs Statewide to more effectively assist traditional small businesses in their efforts to become more entrepreneurial and innovative
- * Identify and assess the value of existing funding sources for emerging technology and traditional small businesses and determine unmet needs or gaps
- * Determine strategies for creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem throughout the State to ensure the maximum opportunities for the creation, growth and maturation of small businesses throughout the State of Delaware

Current Members:

- * Ken Anderson- Chair
- * Jayne Armstrong- U.S. Small Business Administration-
- * Bob Chadwick- New Castle County Chamber of Commerce
- * Clinton Tymes- Small Business Development Center
- * Bob Dayton- Delaware Bioscience Association

- * Bonnie Ross Coleman- YWCA and DE Women's Center for Entrepreneurship
- * Jay Burks- OMB
- * Brenda Thompson-NAWBO
- * Maria Cabrera- Hispanic Business Association
- * David Gates- FSI
- * David Weir- Delaware Biotechnology Institute
- * Karen McGrath- Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce